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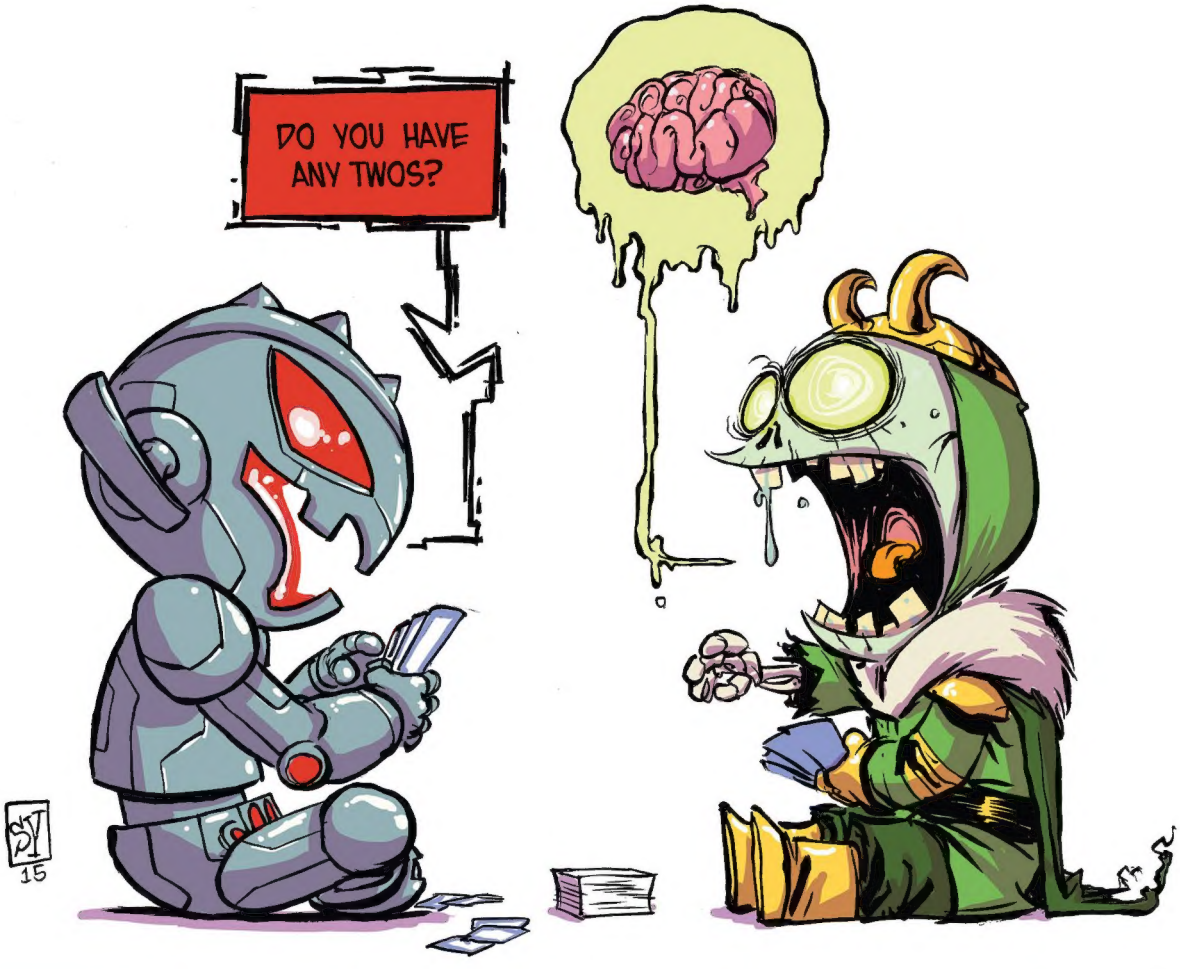

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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD!**

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

AT THE END OF THE WORLD LIES THE SHIELD, THE LAST THING BETWEEN CIVILIZATION AND THE TERRORS OF...

...WHERE REANIMATED HORDES CRAVE LIVE FLESH...

...OR MECHANIZED MOCKERIES OF MAN ELIMINATE EVERY TRACE OF FLAWED HUMANITY IN...

If You HAVE SURVIVED Long enough to READ THIS: Congratulations

FIND SANCTUARY with us in SALVATION 30 Kilodooms WEST

Do not GO EAST Beware LITRONS

DO NOT GO SOUTH More Zombies

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As Greer "Tigra" Nelson contemplates her imminent demise...
...she can't help but smile.
This was her punishment.
Her death.
This is what "Exile" beyond the Shield amounts to... where the creatures swarm and teem beyond the great wall's sanctuary--
--the monstrous insects...
...the "Row-bots," as the men of the Shield described the man-like things of steel and deadly light...

...AND THE DEAD WHO WALK THE EARTH.
SHE'S CLOSE. I'M SURE OF IT.
WELL, IF YOU GET ANY SURER...
...DON'T FORGET TO SHARE HER SO WE ALL GET A TASTE, NOT LIKE THE LAST ONE.
YOU CAN SHARE ALL YOU LIKE. I SURE AIN'T.
THERE'S SO MANY OF US, WE WOULDN'T GET BUT A NUGGET EACH.
YEAH, IF I GET TO HER FIRST, I'M HAVING HER. YOU LOSERS CAN PICK AT THE SCRAPS.
EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF THEN.
EXCEPT WE AREN'T MEN...

...NOT ANYMORE.
YES, EXILE HERE IS A DEATH SENTENCE IN ALL BUT NAME.
FOR A CRIME--GREER'S CRIME--THAT SEEMS MEANINGLESS NOW.
THE UPRISING WAS A FAILURE, DOOM SAW TO THAT--HER ATTEMPT TO TOPPLE THAT KINGDOM'S THRONE AND THE WEAK, DEMENTED BARON WHO SAT UPON IT.

THK

AND NOW GREER WAS THE EXAMPLE MADE FOR ALL OTHERS OF HER LAND WHO MIGHT HARBOR REBELLIOUS DREAMS.

SO WHY THE SMILE? PERHAPS...

...PERHAPS BECAUSE...

OOF.

SHE'S AN AGILE LITTLE SNACK, I'LL SAY THAT!

...GREER HAS NEVER FELT SO ALIVE BEFORE.

IN THE TIME BEFORE NOW, SHE'D BEEN ONE AMONG MANY IN THE BARON'S SERAGLIO. A CAGED PET.

AND NOW SHE IS FREE.

ZZRRRRR

UH-OH.

IMPERFECT.

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A STRANGER CAME TO TOWN

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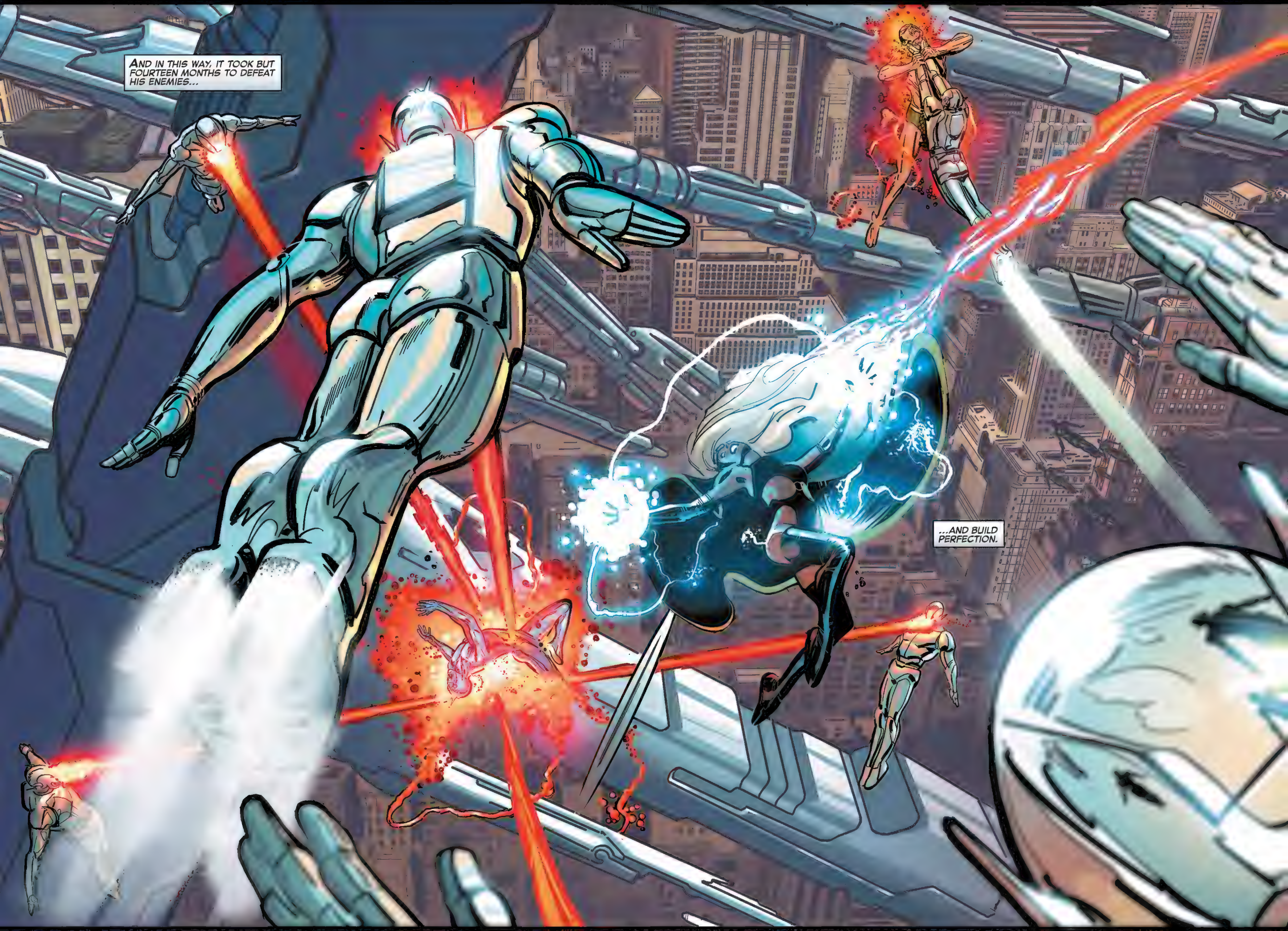
In the land of perfection, its lord and creator surveys his work with the closest thing to pride his soulless heart can feel.
Memories are spent data, nothing more. There should be no joy in recollection.
No nostalgia.
And yet...
...and yet...
He cannot help but recall...
...and muse how things might have differed...if the events past had led down a different path.
How perhaps...in another "life"...upon gaining cognizance as Ultron-1, he hadn't immediately killed his "father" Hank Pym.

PERHAPS THEN, TOO, A YOUNG DANE WHITMAN INFILTRATED ULTRON-5'S "MASTERS OF EVIL" TO WARN THEM AND TURN THE TIDE OF HIS FIRST ATTACK...
...WHEN IN THIS REALITY NO SUCH TWIST OF FATE OCCURRED.
SO THESE AVENGERS DIED.

AND BY WAITING...

...COMBINING AN ARMY OF ULTRON-5 AND ULTRON-6 VERSIONS OF HIMSELF...

...THE OTHER HEROES OF EARTH SOON WENT SCREAMING TO THEIR GRAVES AS WELL.


AND IN THIS WAY, IT TOOK BUT FOURTEEN MONTHS TO DEFEAT HIS ENEMIES...
...AND BUILD PERFECTION.

RULER, SHAPER, MASTER OF PERFECTION.
BETTER THAN HUMANITY.
GREATER.
AND THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN CHANGE THAT.
NO, NOTHING...
...AND NO ONE.
BOY, DO I FEEL LIKE A TENDERFOOT.
DRESSED UP ALL SPIFFY LIKE A CARPETBAGGER OR A TRAVELIN' SALESMAN.
GOT NO MIND WHY I WENT TA THE TROUBLE, NEITHER...

...'CAUSE WHERE I'M GOIN', THEY AINT GOT MUCH USE FER SNAKE OIL.

SO YOU'RE THE HANK PYM OF TIMELY, *HUH?* IN THE VALLEY OF DOOM?

HOME SWEET HOME. HOW Y'A DOIN', HANK? NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU AGAIN -- N'SURE NOT LIKE THIS.

I HAD IT COMING, WITH WHAT I GOT UP TO AFTER YOU 'N' ME SPLIT UP, BUT YOU-- FIGURED YOU'D END YOUR DAYS AS SOME CRAZY OLD COOT TINKERIN' IN YOUR STORE.

YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?

HANK WAS MY BEAU. FOR A GOOD WHILE TOO, 'TIL I GOT RESTLESS. NEEDED SOMEONE WILDER.

BEING SENT OVER THE SHIELD WILD ENOUGH?

'S GETTING THERE, SURE, HANK. WHAT'D YOU DO?

ME AND MY SHENANIGANS GOT ME ON THE SHIELD, CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT YOU DONE COULD BE WORSE.

MY CLOCKWORK MECHANICAL MAN.

YOU STILL WORKING ON THAT FOOLERY? THAT DIDN'T HELP US BEING TOGETHER, NEITHER.

YOU GETTING ALL BLINKERED WORKING AWAY AND NOT PAYIN' ME NO MIND.

CLOCKWORK MAN?

YA WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU, MICHAEL.

ME, I DON'T GET HOW YER INVENTION'D LEAD T'YER BEIN' SENT HERE, THOUGH, HANK.

I WANTED TO MAKE IT STRONGER 'N' MORE RESISTANT TO DAMAGE.

THERE'S THIS AMAZIN' METAL--IT'S PERFECT FER THAT, BUT IT'S AT A PREMIUM.

DOOM AIN'T PARTIAL TA TOO MUCH OF IT IN ANY ONE PLACE.

HERE, I'LL TAKE THAT FROM YOU.

OH, SO THAT'S HOW IT IS, *HUH?*

STEAL A MAN'S STUFF 'FORE YOU SEND HIM TO HELL, YOU SONS'A--

LISTEN TO MORBIUS, HANK, HONEY.

BELIEVE ME, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHIELD, YOU DON'T WANT NOTHIN' SLOWIN' YOU DOWN.

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A FIGHTER...

NOR MUCH OF A RUNNER--

SORRY TO SAY, BRAINS OVER BRAWN MAY WIN IN THE ANCIENT FABLES, BUT NO ONE'S LISTENING TO YOU TELL THEM DOWN THERE BEYOND THE WALL.

YOU'VE GOT THE INSECT HORDES OF ANNIHILUS, OR THERE'S THE ZOMBIES--SOME WITH SUPER POWERS-- AND THEN YOU GOT THE ROBOTS OF ULTRON.

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE DEAD, IF YOU'RE UNLUCKY YOU'RE DEAD AND YOU'RE LUNCH.

STILL--PULLED ME A COUPL'A STRINGS THAT'S HELP YOU A MITE, HERE'S HOPIN'.

'STEAD OF US JUST DUMPING YOU OVER THE SIDE WHEREVER WE FEEL LIKE, I GOT THEM TO AGREE TO GIVE YOU THE CHOICE OF WHEREABOUTS-- WHICH AREA YOU'D LIKE US TO DROP YOU.

SO WHAT CALLS OUT? ZOMBIE DOMAIN IS CALLED THE DEADLANDS, ANNIHILIS DOESN'T HAVE A NAME FOR HIS AREA, DON'T ASK ME WHY--

ERR, I'M STILL NOT CLEAR WHO OR WHAT ANNIHILUS IS, SO--

AN' THE ROBOT DOMAIN--

YES, TELL ME ABOUT THAT.

FIGURES THAT'D TICKLE YOUR FANCY.

WELL THEIR OVERLORD ULTRON CHRISTENED HIS LANDS... ***PERFECTION.*** AND AS WE KNOW, HUMANS AREN'T PERFECT. IF THEY SEE YOU, THEY KILL YOU, SO IT'S NOT--

YOU'VE TOLD ME ALL I NEED TO KNOW. THANK YOU.

I'VE MADE MY CHOICE.

HMM.

SO IF IT'S GONNA BE THE END O' ME NO MATTER WHERE I DECIDED TA LAND HERE...
...DIDN'T TAKE ME BUT A SECOND TO DECIDE IF I'M GONNA DIE, IT'S GOTTA BE IN PERFECTION.
I GUESS TH' TIME PERIOD-- IN DOOM'S MANY DOMAINS-- IT VARIES SOME FROM ONE T' THE NEXT.
'N' WHERE I'M FROM AIN'T AS ADVANCED AS OTHER BURGS.
AN' IT WAS ME TRYIN' TO CREATE A CLOCKWORK MAN GOT ME INTO THIS MESS TA BEGIN WITH.
NICE TO KNOW IN OTHER, MORE ADVANCED DOMAINS, MY DREAM BECAME A REALITY AND THEN SOME.
SO I LIKE THE IRONY--KINDA FUNNY, Y'ASK ME-- IF'N IT'S ONE OF ULTRON'S MECHANICAL MEN THAT SENDS ME TA BOOT HILL.
'LEAST I'LL GET TO SEE--
WHOA.

GOT TO SEE A MECHANICAL MAN... WHAT'S LEFT OF HIM AT LEAST.

BUT THEM OTHER TWO UGLIES'RE WHAT I'D IMAGINE THE UNDEAD TA LOOK LIKE.

THERE AIN'T SUPPOSED TA BE NO--

MEAT.

APTLY PUT, ALBEIT CURT. LET US PARTAKE.

NOT HOW I WANTED TO DIE.

NOT.

ONE.

BIT.

DAMN IT, THIS AIN'T GONNA--

WHO?

JIM, MY FACIAL RECOGNITION SENSORS ARE TELLING ME...
...THAT THIS IS HANK PYM.
WELL, I DON'T HAVE WHAT YOU DO, BUT IT SURE LOOKS LIKE HIM TO ME, TOO.
PYM, I'M JIM HAMMOND AND THESE ARE MY COLLEAGUES, THE VISION AND SIMON WILLIAMS.
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, BUDDY. HOPING YOU'D COME OUR WAY.
AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE...
...HOW'D YOU LIKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD?
TO BE CONTINUED...

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